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FOR PRECHT; PASS TO GENERAL BALDWIN FROM GENERAL BRAY

E.O. 11652, GDS

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SUBJECT: IRANIAN CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

REF: TEHRAN 18697

1. YOUR PROMPT, DETAILED REPLY ON THE STATUS OF THE
PROJECT WAS APPRECIATED.

2.I AM NATURALLY DISAPPOINTED THAT, CONTRARY TO OUR PLAN
AND THE IRANIAN COMMITMENT TO A JOINT ENDEAVOR, THERE HAS
BEEN A LACK OF IRANIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKING GROUP.
IT IS, HOWEVER, ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THE COLLECTIVE AND
INDIVIDUAL INTEREST ON THE PART OF MEMBERS OF THE STEERING
COMMITTEE. IF THERE IS TRULY A SINCERE INTEREST ON THEIR
PART, A WORKABLE PRODUCT SHOULD EMERGE. IN ANY EVENT, YOU
SHOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE YOUR TASKS ALONG THE LINES YOU
HAVE DESCRIBED.

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3. AFTER NOTING YOUR NEWLY PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE OF MAY 31, IT BEHOOVES YOU TO INITIATE TALKS IMMEDIATELY WITH THE IRANIANS ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING. BASED ON OUR PRESENT PROJECTIONS OF DOLLARS 24,000 REMAINING AT THE

END OF MARCH, WE ESTIMATE THAT IT WILL COST ANOTHER DOLS 108,000 TO FINANCE THE EFFORT (SALARIES, PER DIEM, TRANSPORTATION, SECRETARIAL AND TRAVEL) THROUGH END JUNE. OBVIOUSLY, IF THE END MAY COMPLETION IS MET, COSTS WOULD BE LESS, AND ANY EXCESS WOULD BE TURNED BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN. THEREFORE, SUGGEST THAT YOU GET THE BALL ROLLING ON THIS.

4. I AM WRITING LTG FIROUZMAND ALONG THE LINES YOU SUGGESTED AND WILL PROVIDE YOU A COPY.

5. TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION YOUR SCHEDULED PRESENTATION OF THE BASIC ASSUMPTIONS PAPER TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND ALLOWING THE IRANIANS TIME IN WHICH TO ANALYZE AND PROVIDE COMMENTS ON IT, I AM TENTATIVELY PLANNING A TRIP TO TEHRAN TO SEE LTG FIROUZMAND, CONSULTANTS, AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL AT END FEBRUARY TO EVALUATE STATUS OF PROJECT AND PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE. I WILL ADVISE IN A FEW DAYS MY ESTIMATED SCHEDULE AND ARRIVAL TIME.

6. AGAIN, MY THANKS FOR YOUR EVALUATION.
LESLIE W. BRAY, JR. DIRECTOR, FEDERAL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY.
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